

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - DECEMBER, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.9.1959 -

Males - 369,526 Females - 352,795 Persons - 722,321

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959

Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	NOVEMBER				Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	500	8.41	406	6.94	4,888	7.43	4,631	7.17
Births	1,417	23.85	1,214	20.76	15,781	23.99	15,355	23.76
Deaths	429	7.22	392	6.70	5,043	7.66	5,108	7.90
Infant Mortality (b)	34	23.99	23	18.95	302	19.14	319	20.77

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	-	-	25	23
Malignant neoplasms	64	66	833	811
Diabetes mellitus	2	3	43	54
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	1	15	13
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	38	52	566	635
Diseases of the heart	139	127	1,645	1,687
Hypertension with heart disease	15	9	115	148
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	1	47	47
Arteriosclerosis	12	8	133	121
Influenza	-	2	82	9
Pneumonia	27	14	197	182
Bronchitis	8	6	77	69
Other respiratory diseases	4	6	57	53
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	31	39
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	23	27
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	3	7	10
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	1	23	29
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	5	56	59
Disease of the prostate	4	1	48	43
Maternal causes	-	-	5	8
Diseases of early infancy	17	11	170	179
Motor vehicle accidents	16	21	156	175
Other accidents	7	11	151	146
Suicide	7	10	75	96
All other causes	50	31	463	445
Total:	429	392	5,043	5,108

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1959, totalled 953,985 acres, an increase of 155,582 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 11,558,804 acres, an increase of 7,660,487 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,500,708	5,055,831	29,149,438	27,644,585
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 11. 8	7. 1. 10	40. 6. 7	38. 19. 4
Expenditure	6,005,827	5,518,522	32,630,118	31,844,514
Expenditure per Head of Population	8. 5. 7	7. 14. 10	45. 2. 11	44. 17. 9

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of December, 1959, amounted to £75,321,205 or £103-13-10 per head of population as against £68,230,617 or £95-12-4 per head at the end of December, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 30th December, 1959, amounted to £19,226,962 compared with £15,668,318 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,729	1,472	10,971	9,792
	£.	2,990,730	2,549,015	17,346,074	15,350,057
Mortgages	No.	1,318	1,205	8,112	7,597
	£.	2,815,481	2,368,419	17,187,091	14,578,570
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	994	820	6,321	5,601

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
December, 1959	5,934,658	4,226,373	11,387,956	999,820
December, 1958	4,143,491	3,127,786	9,431,259	608,901
Six Months ended December, 1959	25,860,090	20,491,563	65,727,686	4,320,514
Six Months ended December, 1958	23,457,559	19,169,242	60,586,106	3,528,694

COMPANIES REGISTERED

173 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,145,800 and 79 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 129 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,675,850 and 63 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Six Months ended DECEMBER					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	54	104,508	24,432	66	359,320	78,515
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	45	150,116	182,918	56	329,955	291,173

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,094,100	1,000,500	6,053,100	5,200,100
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,194,527	1,187,017	6,366,996	6,168,517
Train Miles Run	No.	624,823	593,986	3,336,993	3,060,169
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 98,500	(c) 91,670	(d) 486,278	(e) 474,333
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,068,628	1,077,214	6,079,331	6,047,252
Motor Bus	No.	19,053	17,390	113,110	110,483
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		275,701	223,168	1,615,448	1,232,483
Livestock		18,598	19,386	82,320	75,970
Departmental (Free Freight)		45,001	59,917	299,120	316,392
Total:		339,300	302,471	1,996,888	1,624,845
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		45,963,991	37,206,671	264,792,594	206,248,416
Livestock		2,331,335	2,473,722	10,792,450	10,422,821
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,664,535	4,863,817	28,403,393	29,607,203
Total:		52,959,861	44,544,210	303,988,437	246,278,440

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 7th November.

(c) Four weeks ended 8th November.

(d) Period 1st July to 7th November.

(e) Period 1st July to 8th November.

* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	118,069	64,960	1,197	12,894
August	77,129	25,707	598	9,095	118,987	65,464	1,210	12,986
September	77,303	25,762	572	9,139	119,778	65,928	1,185	13,128
October	77,933	25,900	571	9,202	120,522	66,147	1,181	13,030
November	78,351	25,924	564	9,258	121,975	67,269	1,179	13,268

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	3,616	4,597	17,911	21,918	9,388	6,015	42,535	35,843
Interstate	8,885	7,721	45,738	42,740	3,703	1,602	15,416	13,342
Total:	12,501	12,318	63,649	64,658	13,091	7,617	57,951	49,185

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446

GOLD PRODUCTION (a)

Item		DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity	Fine oz.	117,474	120,106	866,609	867,188
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,835,530	1,876,657	13,540,162	13,549,788
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	795,390	666,107	2,135,390	2,067,826

(a) Comprises gold refined at the Mint and gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2963	3075	2972	3071	2755	2824	2743	2807
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3232	3362	3205	3326	2670	2736	2653	2712
Northam	3087	3129	3093	3136	2711	2754	2707	2740
Bunbury	3044	3078	3111	3091	2785	2850	2790	2833
Geraldton	3247	3442	3231	3371	2974	3112	2955	3064
Collie	3146	3212	3183	3213	2527	2570	2531	3057

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9
November	139.1	46.4	185.5	November	140.6	48.0	188.6

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	225
August	230	239	230	229	225	226
September	232	241	233	232	225	229
October	233	241	233	232	226	229
November	234	243	233	233	227	231
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State					
	Male			Female			Male			Female		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
26/10/59	14.	1.	6	9.	3.	0	14.	1.	3	9.	2.	10
+ 30/1/60	-			10.	11.	2	-			10.	10.	11
										13.	17.	4
										-		
										9.	0.	3
										10.	8.	0

+ Female wage adjusted from 65% to 75% of male wage from first pay period commencing on, or after, this date.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
November, 1959	13,962	2,281	189,308	87,553	17,062
November, 1958	15,445	2,696	174,001	113,301	18,726
5 Months ended November, 1959	100,607	12,278	755,475	453,108	77,346
5 Months ended November, 1958	91,834	13,516	688,644	508,467	95,275

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
November, 1959	2,895	91	3,270	1,255	936
November, 1958	3,001	109	3,298	1,681	963
5 Months ended November, 1959	21,383	479	13,480	6,218	4,276
5 Months ended November, 1958	19,127	533	13,076	7,191	4,804

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
11 Mths. ended November, 1958	6,048	7,951	2,189	3,105	8,237	11,056	71	163	2,688	3,997
11 Mths. ended November, 1959	5,726	7,650	2,236	3,182	7,962	10,832	74	151	2,814	4,168
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	564	764	238	320	802	1,084	8	11	272	392
August	617	819	204	290	821	1,109	1	9	276	377
September	490	652	175	250	665	902	5	7	246	359
October	598	751	221	316	819	1,067	12	23	282	428
November	482	640	188	285	670	925	6	15	224	382

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958	1959											
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-
- Val.	bush.	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0
Bananas - Local	lb.	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7
- Other	bush.	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-
Apricots	bush.	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10
Nectarines	bush.	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	bush.	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2
Peaches	bush.	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\frac{1}{2}$	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-
Lettuce	crate	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0
Table Celery	doz. head	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10
Beetroot	cwt.	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6
Carrots	cwt.	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11
Parsnips	cwt.	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0
Swedes	cwt.	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9
Runner Beans	lb.	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8
Peas	lb.	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8
Pumpkin	bag	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9
Onions (a)	ton	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 50. 0.0	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. 55. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	£. s.d. 36.10.0	£. s.d. 36.10.0	£. s.d. 36.10.0	£. s.d. 36.10.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0	£. s.d. 37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

$\frac{1}{2}$ 50 lb. crate.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958	1959											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-
Shorn	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11.3
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-
Shorn	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9
Heifers	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6
Cows	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1
Steers	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5
Bullocks	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2
PIGS													
Slips	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2
Porkers	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2
Baconers	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1958	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1959	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,721	4,166	3,340	80,864	24,164	15,771	20,779
MONTH:													
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,793	311	249	6,329	2,113	1,355	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,808	270	220	6,178	1,848	1,198	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,179	262	209	5,487	1,751	1,130	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,330	294	229	5,682	1,953	1,244	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,613	281	227	6,027	2,009	1,314	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,741	356	289	6,361	2,097	1,380	21,407
October													(g) 21,944
November													(g) 22,896

(Particulars not yet available)

- (a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.
 (b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycle and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.
 (g) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS: £ MILLION

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing and Drapery (b)	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods (d)	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, etc.	Other Goods (e)(f)	Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (g)
<u>YEAR</u>														
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.3	11.5	20.6	18.0	29.1	(h)	12.1	8.1	6.7	(i)	(i)	33.9	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
March Qtr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8	(h)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.8	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0	(h)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.1	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0	(h)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.5	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
June Qtr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3	(h)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.5	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3	(h)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	7.8	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4	(h)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(i)	(i)	8.2	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3
Sept. Qtr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6	(h)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(i)	(i)	6.6	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.0	4.6	4.2	6.7	(h)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.0	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
Dec. Qtr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2	(h)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.8	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5	(h)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(i)	(i)	8.1	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Footwear in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (d) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (f) Excludes newspapers, etc., and Chemists' Goods in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (g) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (h) Included with Clothing and Drapery. (i) Included with Other Goods.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	319	268	2,444	2,584
Bricks - Clay	'000	8,497	7,230	44,267	42,005
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	110	110	562	567
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,756	2,032	10,097	10,429
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	35,306	26,479	156,881	125,820
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	534	469	2,420	2,308
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	18,617	18,283	98,528	95,540
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	845	614	4,435	4,567
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,879	1,559	4,534	5,584
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,789	5,111	29,300	27,595
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	58	52	304	342
- 2 piece	"	1,510	1,361	7,690	6,962
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	7,139	5,845	31,565	26,373
- Work	"	16,461	13,103	82,425	72,189
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	68,472	58,771	270,216	280,039
Slippers	"	14,227	26,854	69,519	110,776
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	433	441	1,422	1,188
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	25,340	28,973	83,271	82,034
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	604	626	2,798	2,691
Butter	"	2,048	1,892	10,273	8,991
Cheese	"	419	348	2,134	1,518
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	558	674	3,303	2,624
- Sulphuric	ton	9,872	19,269	84,922	80,554
Coal	"	76,060	72,441	403,612	388,007
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	74,179	69,250	378,523	360,583
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	113	114	606	643
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,796	2,827	14,006	13,936
- Woven Wire	"	1,838	1,153	11,629	11,193
- Soft Filled	"	3,044	3,110	14,389	14,506
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	71	59	254	206
Pig Iron	ton	3,838	1,612	18,270	8,138
Superphosphate	"	30,579	52,692	238,314	221,008
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	3,137	2,398	13,651	10,172

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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